espeaire l'ércemient Three Hundredth Anniversary of Death of the World's Greatest Literary Genius — His Birth Occurred On or Near Same Day of Same Month as His Death — Occasion to Be Celebrated in Many Parts of the Country. A Brief Review of the Life of William Shakespeare — His Work.

HE birthday and the death of William Shakespeare, so far as is known, occurred upon or month, the 23d of April. It is definitely as a poet of unusual merit, as one of known that he was born late in April, 1564, was baptized April 26 of the same ognized as the greatest dramatist of the day.

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A favorite actor and playwright of Queen Elizabeth, who showed him marked favor for his accomplishments, he was as highly honored in King James' reign, when king and courtiers, in a particularly extensive manner, will celebrate the occasion, giving honor to the poet and his work.

Shakespeare events of every description and character and of every range of merit will present their meed of homage to the man who, more than any other in recent centuries, has contributed the fullest largess to the mind and courte," and Milton sang:

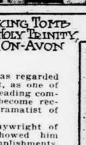
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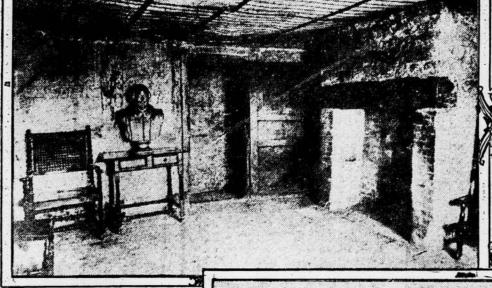
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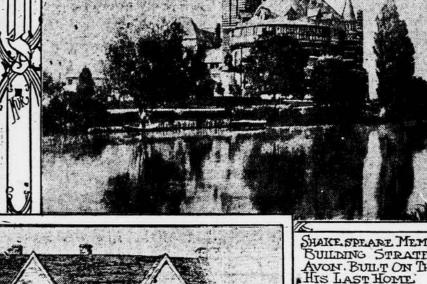
The life of Shakespeare has been one of the literary enigmas of the past three centuries. Little is known of the real man, who, giving the divine children of his brain freely to the world, so submerged himself in his great work that the world of his day neglected to record for posterity's information the manner of man who was their author.

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SHAKE SPEARE MEMORIAL BUILDING STRATFORD-ON-AVON BUILT ON THE SITE OF HIS LAST HOME

tion of Americans to a great degree, and Americans can point with a great deal of pride to the work which Shakespeare scholars have done. The most notable achievement is the great Variorum edition, by Dr. Horace Furness of Philadelphia, which has been continued since his death by his son. This is probably the most important edition of Shakespeare ever published. It gives an authoritative text, and textual and critical hotes, and quotes freely from the commentators and notable critics from Shakespeare's time to the present day.

"Richard Grant White's edition still holds its place, while among recent scholars Prof. Neilson and Prof. Thorndyke have provided, in the Tudor edition, a series of handy volumes containing the results of the ripest scholarship.

"The critical work of Prof. George

and of the Elizabethan theaters, is worthy of mention in any enumeration of the achievements of American scholars."

vogue now?" Mr. Meyer's questioner asked at this point.

"I think the interest in the sonnets is as great as ever, in spite of Sir Sidney Lee's very reasonable explanation of their significance," said Mr. Meyer. "It is a problem which appeals to the minds of all those who love a mystery, and s holars will go on discussing them and attempting to identify Mr. W. H., 'The Dark Lady' and The

Rival Poet' for ages yet to come.
"It may interest you to know that there also has been a very lively interest in the revival of the music of Shakespeare's time, the attempt being

Shakespeare's time, the attempt being to sing the songs and catches as they were sung by the Elizabethan actors. A recent publication by Charles J. Vincent entitled 'Fifty Shakespeare Songs' gives many of the oldest settings A delightful volume also has been written by Lewis C. Eisen entitled 'Shakespearean Music.' It was published in Boston in 1901, and gives a great deal of information as to the inspiration which Shakespeare has been to musicians from his own time onward.

'There has been an interesting movement, going back a few years, to have children act some of Shakespeare's plays, and some special editions have been published, reducing the action to about an hour or an hour and a half by cutting down long speeches and omitting some of the less important scenes. Among plays treated in this way and published in book form are 'As You Like It,' 'A Comedy of Errors,' 'Julius Caesar,' The Merchant of Venice.' 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' The Tempest.' Twelfth Night' and 'A Winter's Tale.'

"It has been interesting to note that those who are arranging for pageants and other productions of the Shakespeare plays get very valuable hints from the illustrators of Shakespeare's works, not only from the English and German illustrators, but from American artists as well. The beautiful pictures of the late Mr. Edwin A. Abbey, who illustrated four volumes devoted to the comedies of Shakespeare, are largely drawn upon for this purpose. Mr. Abbey's studies are historically correct in architecture and cos-

pose. Mr. Abbey's studies are historically correct in architecture and costuming.

"A bibliography of Shakespeare approaching completeness would number upward of thirty thousand items. In confronting this enormous mass of literature, the need for help to the ordinary reader in the study of Shakespeare was felt to be so great that at the request of the Drama League of America we prepared here in the Library of Congress this 'Brief Guide to the Literature of Shakespeare,' and Mr. Meyer produced an attractive booklet bearing this title.

"This selects and comments on about 250 of the more important editions, bicgraphies and criticisms which are of the most value to the student, the teacher and the librarian.

"It has also heen felt by the Drama League that the Shakespeare tercentenary would provide a good opportunity to increase still further the interest which has been developing in folk drama, folk dances and in pageants, and with this particular object in view we have also contributed to the bulletins published by the Drama League which are circulated by the bureau of education, and give information to teachers, club leaders and others who may be interested, concerning pageants and folk dances and the manner of conducting and costuming them.

"The widespread interest in the celebration of the tercentenary of Shake-speare has resulted in a number of new editions and biographles of the poet, se that now there have been published since his death about 300 distinct editions of his complete works, while the editions of his separate plays go into the thousands. This anniversary has also ney Lee's well known 'Life of Shakespeare,' which has grown to be a volume of nearly 800 pages, about twice the size of the original edition of 1897.

Asked if the Library of Congress possessed any markedly rare editions,

THE ROOM IN WHICH SHAKESPEAREWAS BORN

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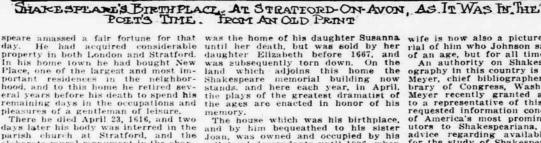
Many blographies have been written and man whore the personality worked out from his writing; but so far nothing definite and conclusive has been given of the actual man who, 200 years ago, depicted man and his emotions with the most accurate insight and with the most supreme presentation. William Sh has ever known.

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Expert in Child Education Tells of Swedish Plan of Training Children

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MRS. ANNA BOGENHOLM SLOANE. (Photo by Mitchell.)

necessity of attention upon the work keeps the mind gently occupied.

"As a part of school training in Sweden weaving is considered valuable, not only as a wholesome exercise, but also as a means of training the mental faculties. In learning to weave the girl has to figure out the exact amount of yarn for warp and wood of a given fineness for the number of yards of a certain breadth of material, with other practical numerical problems, which is a concrete mental exercise and practical application of arithmetic which a girl will grasp better than abstract figures. The selection of color combinations and the relative proportions of each color to other colors and their massings proportioned to color values and the breadth of the web, are valuable in training the girl's sense of harmony and balance and other estated.

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teen; a new set of emotions then comes continually may in breath without breathing is not a healthy exercise. So, if we continually take into our minds to gray the continually take into our minds dideas from outside of ourselves without giving expression to ideas born within ourselves our mental faculties will become clogged.

"Too many objective lesson appliances and too many illustrations and effort-saving devices are being introduced into the schools of this country today. The motion picture as part of school life is merely another instance of training the mental faculties of training the mental faculties is just what I believe our present day public school system is doing for our children. We think that, because most of them come out from our institutions of learning with fairly bright mental faculties and new or work, have been found on the sollowed, have been found of manual work, have been found and have kept to one main pursuit as member.

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